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## LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR 2026

**Monday 7 December** End of Year reports home to Parents and Caregivers.

**Tuesday 8 December** End of Year of Assembly at Dunsandel School 600pm.

Postponement Date Wednesday 9 December.

**Thursday 10 December** Christmas Cracker for our Children.

**Friday 11 December** School closes at 1200pm. Buses will run at this time.

1200-300pm 'The Last....'(Yr6 Event).



# Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter






## Monday 2 November 2026

- Book Fair; Athletics; Junior Athletics and Teacher Only Day

### News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.
Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,
Our Year 6 group had an awesome time at **Aoraki Mount Cook** last week. As always, our children were fine ambassadors for our school and community. I would like to acknowledge and thank our Parent helpers who helped make our camp a success.



**Book Fair –** We have our Book Fair starting this week from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th November. This will be set up in the school hall. All books sold equate to points for the school from scholastic that we can use to buy library books – So it is a very worthwhile cause! If you have Christmas presents to sort, then you can pop down during the day and make secret purchases.
Eftpos will be available. Start time is 8.30am to 3.30pm, if you have any questions, please see Mrs Gilmour or Felicity in the office.
**Athletics** –We have a team of 37 children heading to Southbridge School on Tuesday 3 November to compete against our friends from Leeston and Southbridge in the Ellesmere Zone Athletics. Our co-captains Hope and Toby will lead our team.



**Junior Athletics** – This Friday 6 November is our junior athletics for our Year 0-2 children at school, our postponement day is Wednesday 11 November. All are welcome.
**Swimming** – Our swimming season starts this Wednesday. Mr Happer will have the pool ready, and all classes will have a scheduled swim time each day. Please remember to name every item including undergarments, goggles, togs and towels. We have a few goggles in our lost property bin from last season – All lost goggles will be placed on the secondhand rack.
**Health and Wellbeing** – Allergies have definitely ramped up this season! If your child requires hay fever medication during the school day, please let their teacher know. All medication must be clearly labelled and will be stored safely in the school's first aid room.
**Accounts –** A reminder that accounts will need to be settled before the end of term. If you have any questions, please speak to Felicity.

**Teacher Only Day** - As a reminder, we have a **Teacher Only Day on Thursday 12 November** followed by **Canterbury Show Day on Friday 13 November. School will be closed on both these days.**
Have a great week.
Ngā mihi nui



Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

## PTA News and Notes

Hello Everyone.
A big thank you to everyone who made our Halloween afternoon such a success! We missed out this year as we had a wedding to attend, but I hear it was a great time had by all, despite the weather being a little windy and cold. A huge thank you to all the households who opened their gates and, of course, to all the kids who got out there and braved the weather. We hope you had lots of fun!

**Pea Straw – Last Bale Available!**
We have just one bale of pea straw left. If you're keen, get in touch before it's gone. Get your garden looking amazing this summer!

**Next PTA Meeting**
Our next meeting is tomorrow night, Tuesday 3rd November, at 7.15pm at the Dunsandel Bar and Cafe. Everyone is welcome – we'd love to see you there!

As always, if you have any questions, ideas or anything you'd like to discuss PTA-related, please don't hesitate to get in touch, ptadunsandel@gmail.com or 0273355020

Until next week
Shae Brown
PTA President

## Calendar

**Click here for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.**

## Buying Uniform

Go to the **Mainland Uniforms** website - personalised page for our school: -
https://www.mainlanduniforms.nz/241-dunsandel-school
This link is also on the home page of our school website.
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***We are a 100% smoke free school in accordance with the Smokefree Environments Act. This means the whole school is smoke and vape free - indoors and on the school grounds.***

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